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## GREECE APPEALS TO BRITAIN FOR ARMS

### For Use In Suppression Of Leftist Guerillas?

#### Civil War Still Raging In The Northern Provinces

London, Oct. 8.—Greece, with civil war raging in the wilds of her northern provinces, has asked Britain for arms for improvement of the existing security arrangements, the Foreign Office spokesman disclosed in London today.

It is assumed that any arms supplied would be used to equip the local reserves called up in threatened towns and villages to fight "left-wing bands" which, according to reports from Greece, are not only holding out in the mountains, but have seized small towns as well.

At the moment Greece's request for arms was disclosed in London the arrival was announced in Athens of Gen. Dempsey, British Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces, for a visit, which a cable from Athens said, "may have important repercussions."

"It seems, therefore, obvious to me that Monarchist citizens would be even more reluctant to take part in fighting on the Government side. If the Government thinks that in the desperate situation in which it now finds itself, owing to its policy, it can still regain power by this new measure of spreading civil war, the near future will show how mistaken it is."

"I have one word of advice to give the Greek Government—a government which has failed in both its internal policy and in its foreign policy, particularly in regard to Greece's national claims—resign at once in order to make possible the immediate formation of a broad representative government, including naturally parties outside parliament, so that this new government could bring to an end the civil war and save what remains," said Dr Sofianopoulos.

No suggestion as to what these repercussions might be was given, except the statement that Gen. Dempsey will hold talks with high-ranking British military officers on the reorganisation of the British forces in the country, as well as his announced purpose of receiving a decoration from King George of Hellenes.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office spokesman in London confirmed that in his opinion the fighting in Greece can still be called a civil war, despite the vigorous attempts by the Greek Government to suppress it since the return of the King to his throne.

**Appeal Criticised**  
It is not yet known whether Britain will agree to the Greek request for arms, but the appeal itself has already caused a sharp controversy among the politically-minded of the London public. Left-wing quarters sharply criticised it, while observers sympathetic to the Greek Government claimed that the situation called for drastic remedies.

It was reported from Athens yesterday that King George had received in audience, Lieut-Gen. Kenneth Noel Crawford, Commander-in-Chief of the British Land Forces in Greece, and Sir Clifford Norton, British Ambassador.

Dr Sofianopoulos, former Left-wing Republican Foreign Minister of Greece, told Reuters in London to-night that in his opinion the Greek Government's proposal to call up reservists in villages of north Greece to fight against Left-wing bands would contribute to the spread of civil war.

"If it is confirmed that the Greek Government, in order to crush the guerilla movement, has decided to arm the remaining Monarchist citizens in the countryside, every unbiased observer can only come to the conclusion that the policy of terror exercised by the Government through the army and gendarmerie is bankrupt."

The sentences passed each day on military personnel, by courts

### Attempt To Blow Up British Troop Train Foiled

Jerusalem, Oct. 8.—Terrorists made an unsuccessful attempt to blow up a British troop train between Tel Aviv and Haifa to-day, it is reliably reported.

A small bomb was found under the engine, it is officially stated. A second unexploded bomb was found on the track. There was no damage. However, two British soldiers were killed and two were injured to-night when a landmine exploded under an army vehicle on the Jerusalem-Haifa road in another attack on transport in Palestine.

An Arab—member of a well-known family—was slightly injured earlier to-night by the explosion of a mine laid on the Jerusalem-Hebron road in the eastern outskirts of Jerusalem.

Several unexploded mines were discovered in the eastern area of Jerusalem and other landmines were found on roads leading out of Jaffa and Tel Aviv.—Reuter.

**Ex-Mayor Killed**  
Jerusalem, Oct. 8 (UP).—The former Mayor of Jerusalem, Mahmoud Elendi Nashed, was killed last night in the explosion of a bomb planted near the police depot of Mount Scopus by the Jewish underground organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Responsible quarters said the incident apparently was part of a concerted attempt to sabotage the Army and police installations in various parts of Palestine.

**Land Sale Probe**  
London, Oct. 8.—The Palestine Arab Higher Committee will investigate the conditions under which the sale was made to the Jews of Arab land in southern Palestine, Dr Hussein Chalidi, Secretary of the Committee, said in Jerusalem last night.

Musa Bey Alami, Director-General of the Arab Office's Information Organisation (sponsored by the seven independent states of the Arab League) said in London on the eve of his departure for Palestine: "There are grounds for believing that certain British military circles have allowed themselves to be persuaded that this is the moment for the British to 'talk tough' to the Arabs and that a strong policy, backed by a great military force, would be successful."

He added: "It is my earnest conviction that the British Government would make a profound mistake if they acted on this assumption and allowed themselves to be persuaded by American inspired opinion or encouraged in the same direction by any of the friendly and pacific utterances they may have heard from certain Arab leaders."—Reuter.

### New Swedish Credit For Russia

Stockholm, Oct. 8 (UP).—The Foreign Office to-night announced a new trade agreement with Russia extending 200,000,000 kronors in yearly credit for the next five years.

The Soviets have been granted 15 years in which to repay the credit, which will be used to purchase power plants, mining and house-building equipment. Sweden will also deliver high-quality steel products, ballbearings, optic instruments, livestock and fish.

In return, Russia will furnish such raw material products as chromium, manganese, nickel, silver, cotton, iron and fertiliser.

### PASSES FOR OTRANTO

It was stated this morning that passes for relatives and friends of passengers on the Otranto to board the vessel when she arrives in Hongkong will be issued by MacKinnon, Mackenzie and Co and not by Capt Cadogan-Edwards as announced yesterday.

### Wreckage Of RAF York Aircraft Discovered

Wreckage from the RAF "York" passenger aircraft operating a scheduled service from the United Kingdom, which crashed into the sea on Sunday afternoon, has been discovered north-west of Peang by a Sunderland flying-boat of the Search Flight sent out from Seletar, Singapore.

The aircraft was carrying 15 service passengers, 1,012 lbs of mail and 61 lbs of freight in addition to the crew of six.

Following the usual procedure, the names of casualties are being withheld until the next of kin have been informed.

### U.S. AIR LINER CRASH IN WYOMING

Cheyenne, Oct. 8 (UP).—A United Airlines "Lusitania" crashed to-day near Cheyenne Airport, killing two passengers, Wilhelm Wang of San Francisco and Mrs Margaret Flint of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The pilot and several passengers suffered serious injuries.

Other passengers who were uninjured or only slightly hurt included Whouling Wang and Shih Chi-hu of Nanking, China.

The cause of the accident is not yet known, but an immediate investigation is being held.

The RAF Sunderland aircraft which discovered the wreckage was unable to rescue any bodies from the sea, but a further Sunderland has been dispatched to make another attempt. Surface vessels have also been sent out to render aid.

### India Debate In Commons May Be Postponed

London, Oct. 8.—The two-day India debate in the House of Commons is likely to be postponed until the beginning of the early session of Parliament early in November, it is learned from authoritative quarters. Discussions are taking place between the Government and Opposition leaders, and an announcement will be made in due course.

The reason for the suggested postponement is the widespread feeling that nothing should be done to prejudice the negotiations now proceeding at Delhi, from which it is generally hoped an agreement may emerge, enabling the Muslim League to enter the Provisional Government.

When Parliament re-assembled to-day after the recess, there was a considerably stimulated interest in the Indian constitutional situation.

It is evident that the present moves at Delhi are being followed by all parties with the keenest interest and a fair degree of hope.

**Conservatives Anxious**  
Mr Richard Butler, former Minister of Education and one of the Conservative Party's "Shadow Cabinet," said his Party has been extremely anxious that the transference of power should not be to a Government in which all the main elements of Indian life were not represented.

"We trust that the negotiations now going on with the Muslim community will be successful and that then a Constituent Assembly will be set up in such way that a fair solution of the whole problem may be found," said Mr Butler.

Mr Butler, who spent much of his life in India, added that the Conservatives were not concerned only with one minority, but were anxious to see to it genuine representatives of Indian Christians, Scheduled

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### Attlee Renews British Pledge To Co-Operate In Seeking Control Of Atomic Energy

London, Oct. 8.—Opening the debate on atomic energy in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, said the British Government hoped that the United Nations Commission on atomic energy would find effective solution to remove the fears of mankind which had been aroused.

"I do not think that this awareness is as acute here as on the other side of the Atlantic," he declared. "But it is the firm intention of the British Government to do its utmost to get an agreed scheme and co-operate fully when that scheme is agreed."

Whether the United Nations Commission agreed or not in settling a solution, it was hoped that prohibition for military uses might be secured, he added.

Mr Attlee, who was moving the second reading of a Bill to give the Government exclusive control over the development of atomic energy in Britain, said one of the objects of the Bill was that Britain should be prepared to fulfil its full in an international scheme.

The Prime Minister said that until there was international control, what was sometimes called industrial "know how" must be kept under control. "We all hope international arrangements will make secrecy unnecessary."

In the meantime, while we can encourage the dissemination of basic information, there must be power to prevent dissemination of information as to what is called "know how." There were safeguards in the Bill against unauthorised disclosure of information.

Mr Attlee said the programme of the work already planned at the Government experimental station would cost something like £200,000,000. Expenditure on a far greater scale might be necessary if Britain was to play her proper part.

It was unlikely that any great stores of material, such as uranium for the development of atomic energy, would be found in Britain. Research, however, was being encouraged.

It was being undertaken by universities and commercial firms under

### Bevin Rejects Idea Of Division Of World Into Two Blocs

#### Delegates Debate Trieste Status At Paris Conference

Paris, Oct. 8.—The British Foreign Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin, to-day rejected the idea of dividing the world into two blocs and appealed to the Peace Conference to make unity the basis of peace as it was the basis of victory.

Mr Bevin, the opening speaker at the afternoon plenary session, categorically denied the Soviet charges that Britain had strategic interests in Trieste and was trying to establish an Anglo-American base there.

"Great Britain has no strategic interest in Trieste at all and never has approached the problem from that view. Therefore, I hope these unfounded allegations will not again be repeated," he stated.

The opening of Mr Bevin's speech was a rebuttal to the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, who this morning bitterly criticised conference procedure especially the Big Four refusal to modify any of their prior agreements.

M. Spaak warned that small powers interested in Pacific peace and in curbing Germany's war potential will refuse to accept the basic condition of the Paris Conference—limitation of their role to "rubber stamp" approval of treaty drafts as prepared by the Big Four.

He conceded that there were some advantages in the Big Four drafting proposed treaties before conferences met but insisted that the little Powers will demand the right to revise by majority action parts of those treaty drafts.

Belgium's claim to play a bigger role in the treaty with Japan is based on the Belgian exile Government's declaration of war against the Japanese on December 30, 1941, whereas the Soviet Union entered the war only in the last fortnight, he said.

None of Moscow's satellites who played an obstructive role in Paris—Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia—will participate in the Pacific treaty as none was at war with Japan.

Mr Bevin said "Britain thinks it was a good thing to hear the smaller nations and to spend so much time hearing the ex-emper States. It cannot be said that this time the Conference—and the world—are not in possession of the facts," he said.

Mr Bevin said that making peace was different from making war," and

### Lady Cripps' Message To Hongkong



MR ERNEST BEVIN

Before leaving by special plane for Nanking to-day, Lady Isobel Cripps, DBE, who is leading an Aid in China mission, gave the following message to the people of Hongkong:

"My party and I have come to Hongkong on our way to China as guests of the Chinese Government and we are to have the opportunity of seeing the work which has been helped by the British United Aid in China in various parts of the country. The Fund has been the expression of the very widespread friendship for, and interest in, the people of China which exists in Great Britain. Since its beginning in 1942 it has collected over one and a half million sterling to help in dealing with the distress caused by the war. We have come to learn all we can so as to be better able to co-operate in drawing our two countries together in friendship."

"I am so glad to have this chance of seeing Hongkong which has suffered so much during the war, and where I know conditions are still very hard and difficult. I can assure you that the people of Great Britain realise how much Hongkong has suffered during the Japanese occupation and that they are anxious to help in repairing the damage wherever possible. We are to fly straight on in order to reach Nanking by the Double Tenth, but I hope to have the opportunity of spending a day or two in Hongkong on my return journey and of meeting people here."

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**HELICOPTER FOR PRIVATE FLYING**  
Many of Britain's leading scientists in the field of aeronautics believe that the helicopter has a great future both for private flying and as an air taxi, providing the various problems applying to this type of aircraft can be satisfactorily solved.

The main problems are connected with engine failure. In this event the blades of the rotor should rotate, or behave like a windmill, and this calls for a very rapid alteration in the pitch of the blades which in turn entails some automatic means for doing this.

Secondly, engine failure followed by autorotation of the blades, involves a change of airflow through the rotor disc from downwards to upwards. This change takes time and while it is taking place the helicopter can gain a large vertical velocity, so that if the engine failed at 100 feet the aircraft would hit the ground at about 30 feet per second. And that is too fast for comfort!

**THE PARACHUTE OF THE FUTURE**

Development of a parachute to allow airmen to bail out of planes travelling at speeds faster than sound has been announced by the Army Air Forces, states United Press.

Tests on the new chutes are under way at the Personnel Equipment Laboratory, Wright Field, Ohio.

The parachutes are fired from high speed mortars and rockets propulsion units to simulate emergency conditions faced by airmen flying planes at supersonic speeds.

Although details of the new safety device were not disclosed it was believed to be similar to the "ribbon chute" developed by the Germans in World War II. It was made of a network of ribbons in the shape of a conventional parachute.

The AAF said the future parachute must be effective at terrific speeds and yet not expose airmen to shock resulting from a sudden deceleration when the chute opens.

**S'HAIR TEA MONEY.**  
The ground floor of the premises at No. 205 Nanking Road, Shanghai, at present occupied by the Mars Restaurant, has been taken over by a Chinese syndicate for a collection of 80 gold bars (about CN\$170,000,000), says the N.C.D. News.

The syndicate, it is understood, is acting on behalf of a Chinese bank.

During the Japanese occupation the place was occupied by Queen's Cafe.

**ITALY PASSING THROUGH DANGEROUS PERIOD OF INFLATION**

(By John Talbot)

Italy is passing through a very dangerous period of inflation which, if Governmental action is not taken in the immediate future, may well wreck her already flimsy financial structure.

Undoubtedly, the main reason for the present lack of confidence in the lira has been the Paris decision that Italy must pay 100,000,000 dollars (\$25,000,000) to Russian interests for reparations.

The claims of other nations, it is expected, will also have to be met at least in part.

It is hoped that Italy's friends at the Paris peace conference, would be powerful enough to offset these reparations or at least obtain a substantial reduction, are now realised to have been in vain and the country has been plunged into a state of depression only equalled by that when the text of the Italian treaty was first made public.

Although it is for this reason, basically, that the lira has been steadily declining during recent weeks, there are many other independent factors which, taken together, form a threat to the country's financial security on which instant action must be taken if Italy is not to follow Germany's path after the 1918-19 war.

**Bitter Battle**  
A bitter battle is now raging on the home front between Signor Epicarmo Corbino, Independent Minister of the Treasury and his followers, and the Left-wing parties, who always opposed his inclusion in the Cabinet. Both sides have different suggestions for re-establishing financial security through a reduction of note circulation.

The Communists' suggestion is to be put an end to inflation with a completely new issue of lire notes based on the taxing of all deposits.

**COLLABORATION CHARGE**

Nanking, Oct. 8.—The Ministry of Justice has instructed the Hoph Provincial authorities to detain Ho Cheng-cho, President of the Hoph High Court, for investigation of his alleged activities during the Japanese occupation. He is accused of having served as Dean of the Judges' Training College in Hoph during occupation.

The Ministry has also instructed the Procurators of the Hoph High Court to renew investigations into the alleged collaboration charges against Chang Yen-chin former Vice-Chairman of the North China Political Affairs Council.—Central News.

Nanking, Oct. 8.—Sergio Fenoglio, new Italian Ambassador to China, and the Peru Ambassador, as well as the Ministers of Dominican Republic and Denmark presented their respective credentials separately to President Chiang Kai-shek this morning.—Central News.

**Crossword Puzzle**  
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE  
ACROSS  
1—Second largest city  
5—Indian sailor  
11—Huffalo's lake  
12—Greek letter  
14—Story  
15—Book by Zola  
16—Book up  
17—So be it  
18—Small  
19—Fool digis  
20—Adam  
21—Lidie  
22—Great fright  
27—Barcaam  
31—Delited  
32—Ballois  
33—Loose fold of cloth  
34—Turn back  
35—Infected spots  
36—Strike  
37—Cover  
43—In bed  
47—Hail sound in maracas  
48—Mineral spring  
49—Study  
50—Brilliant stone  
51—It is a con  
52—Being in abstract  
53—Wrestling hold  
54—Shawbalt pitcher  
DOWN  
1—Extent  
2—City in Africa  
3—Columbus' ship  
4—Practise  
5—Wise teacher  
6—Where Gowers are won  
7—Hidden thrust  
8—Vailed  
9—Drank  
10—Fail to keep word  
11—or promise  
12—Implement  
13—Hostile  
14—Receives  
15—Danish coin  
16—Twisted fabric  
17—Prison term (slang)  
18—Lid  
19—Follows  
20—Relative (abbr.)  
21—Instruction  
22—Ward bell  
23—Jest  
24—Oblomoor  
25—Enraptured  
26—Run with long stride  
27—Husian island  
28—Chum  
29—End of war  
30—Elizabeth  
31—Make comfortable

**NANCY** You, Too, Poochie  
I ALWAYS HAVE TO CLOSE MY EYES WHEN I PASS THAT SIGN  
**TREAT YOUR DOG TO POOCHIE SWEETS**  
By Ernie Bushmiller

**U.S. SERVICES' PART IN POLITICS**

New York, Oct. 8.—The current issue of the Foreign Policy Reports published by the Foreign Policy Association says that the War and Navy Departments and Army and Navy officers to-day participate in the formation and execution of American foreign policy which is unknown in any former peacetime period.

In the belief that military and political problems to-day are closely interwoven, an observer in the Foreign Policy Reports said that President Truman appointed military officers in active service and retired military officers to several major foreign policy posts—General Smith to Russia, General Marshall to China, General McCoy as United States representative on the Far Eastern Commission.

President Truman's principal aim in using military men in the conduct of foreign policy is preservation of peace, according to the Foreign Policy Reports which classifies the activities of American military agencies which can make foreign policy as navy and air forces make it by their attitude towards the Pacific Islands.

The Foreign Policy Reports notes, however, that the U.S. Congress has not fully supported President Truman in his reliance on the military in conducting foreign policy. The Reports warn that as long as the United States military policy is uncertain American foreign policy which the military help to formulate will also be uncertain.—Central News.

**CNRR RESIGNATIONS**

Nanking, Oct. 8.—The resignation of Mr. Po Hsueh-feng and Mr. Shen Hsueh-feng, Assistant Director and Chief of the Health Section of CNRR respectively, was accepted by the Executive Yuan at a meeting to-day. These were the first resignations by CNRR officials following the resignation of Dr. T. F. Tsiang, CNRR Director-General, last week.

Messrs. Cheng Tso-ju and Fung Yeh-chih have been appointed to succeed Messrs. Po and Shen respectively.—Central News.

**BANGKOK INCIDENTS**

Bangkok, Oct. 7 (UP).—Members of the two Chinese political factions almost clashed on Sunday when members of the Kuomintang group planned to disrupt a meeting scheduled by the Chinese League. League members called for withdrawal of United States troops from China.

Anti-League persons, apparently anti-Reds, succeeded in preventing the League from using the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, then paraded down town carrying banners in the English, Chinese and Siamese languages, with the slogans, "Down with the Communists," "Long Live the Kuomintang," and "Long Live America." It was understood the League sent messages to President Truman, as well as to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the United States Legation in Bangkok.

Lisbon, Oct. 8 (UP).—A violent hurricane struck Flores Island, in the Azores, to-day causing heavy damage at Santa Cruz harbour.

**According To Culbertson**  
(Copyright, 1946, by Elv Culbertson)  
The practice of holding partner's original bid open by means of a "courtesy notrump," cannot be inveighed against too strongly. When you have no value worth mentioning—pass. Observe this deal:  
North, dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
NORTH  
AKQ8  
AJ73  
A82  
54  
WEST  
84  
KQ10962  
KQ8  
KS  
EAST  
J1062  
8  
J1093  
A108  
SOUTH  
73  
54  
754  
QJ9762  
The bidding:  
North Pass West Pass  
1 Double Pass 2 NT (11 2 airt)  
2 Double Pass 3 Clubs 3 airt  
3 NT Pass 4 Clubs Double  
4 Pass Pass  
As may be seen, once South had bid his "courtesy no trump," he could never get off the hook. It was asking too much of him to stand the two-heart double, with his trickless

**CHINESE DOLLAR**

Return to Gold Standard Proposed by Expert

**NEW CURRENCY ISSUE**

Shanghai, Oct. 7.—"To speed up the financial and economic rehabilitation of the country, China should return to the gold standard and issue a new currency" is the opinion of Mr. Huang Yuan-bin, member of the Planning Committee of the National Government and regarded as an authority on economics and finance.

He says that the Chinese masses have lost confidence in the present currency because of uncontrolled inflation, which has been mainly responsible for the continual increases in the prices of commodities and foodstuffs.

The only way the Government can regain the confidence of the nation in its monetary policy, Mr. Huang says, is to scrap its present currency system and adopt a new one based on gold.

He suggested that this should be done without waiting for an improvement in the present confused political situation, otherwise the financial rehabilitation of the country would be unduly delayed.

Based on Pure Gold

Among other things Mr. Huang suggests:  
1. The new dollar should be based on pure gold and its value about one-sixth of a United States dollar.  
2. Circulation of gold and silver coins should be reintroduced.  
3. No more banknotes of the present currency should be issued.  
4. Following the introduction of the new dollar, the notes in circulation to-day should be gradually withdrawn.  
5. More than \$5,000,000,000 worth of the new currency should be issued in the first two years of circulation.  
6. The price of gold should be fixed at 100 dollars per ounce.  
7. There should be a gold reserve equivalent to 60 per cent of the note issue.

Mr. Huang says that this reserve should be constantly maintained until the reorganization of the country's armed forces—which would go a long way towards helping to balance the budget—after which the Government, in his opinion, should make an effort to nationalize gold.

These measures, Mr. Huang thinks, would instill confidence among farmers, who comprise 80 per cent of the Chinese population and who, because of their lack of confidence in the present inflated currency, turn all their spare cash into gold. They would also help to stabilize the price of commodities and foodstuffs.

**NO REASON FOR U.S. TO FEAR RUSSIA**

New York, Oct. 8.—"There is no reason for the United States to be frightened by Russia," declared Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the late President, addressing a public meeting for women. Mrs. Roosevelt ridiculed the fear of Russia because, she added, "We got the power which Russia hasn't got."

Meanwhile, in her daily column discussing the Communist problem, Mrs. Roosevelt said that the number of Communists in America was not very large; but they were well organized and dangerous and they worked hard. Mrs. Roosevelt said it had been proved through years that Democracy was able to give a better standard of life to the people as a whole. The only way to convince the Communists, however, was the progress under America's democratic form of Government year by year which gave the American people more of the things which made life worth living. Mrs. Roosevelt concluded by saying: "If we do this Communism can never be a menace to us. To do it, it is our duty to stand for Democracy and work as hard for our belief and our standard as the Communists do for theirs."—Central News.

**JAP RADIO STRIKE**

Tokyo, Oct. 8 (UP).—The radio blackout since Saturday, caused by the strike of the Japan Broadcasting Company Workers Union, was broken to-day in the Kanto area of Eastern Japan, including Tokyo and Yokohama, by government operation of the transmitting station at Kawaguchi, eight miles north of Tokyo.

Non-Union members and officials of the Communication Ministry broadcast new time signals and the weather forecasts. They announced broadcast would be made five times daily. The police escorted the officials who took over control of Kawaguchi station.

The newspaper strike appears to have petered out. Thirty strike leaders from Mainichi, who attempted to halt distribution of yesterday's editions, returned last night. The "dispute" committee for Asahi resigned as Union members reaffirmed their policy not to strike at present.

Central News adds that the Japanese Cabinet has decided to impose strict control on labour disputes which might threaten "public interest."

**BRITAIN TO LOAN MEAT TO UNITED STATES**

London, Oct. 8.—(UP).—A Food Ministry spokesman said to-day that the British Government was prepared to lend United States armed forces in Europe 20,000,000 pounds of meat to offset the present emergency provisions of certain conditions now under review are agreed upon.

It was understood here that the British food mission in Washington had asked the Department of Agriculture for assurances that the loaned meat would be replaced within a short period in order to prevent any deprivation of the strictly rationed British public. The Washington negotiations are expected to conclude to-day or to-morrow.



## Reconstruction Of Mainz To Start Shortly

With over 10,000 workers mobilised from all parts of the French zone of Germany and with the bulk of the building material available at the present moment in the zone, the reconstruction of the bomb-shattered Rhineland city of Mainz will begin shortly.

Operations are under the command of the French town planner Marcel Loo, who has already drawn up plans for the new city. He will be aided by leading German architects and building engineers and the Municipal Council.

Mainz is to-day one of the most devastated cities in the French zone, with over 70 per cent of its houses either destroyed or damaged and with 30,000 people still living in underground existence in cellars and caves.

It is intended to accomplish the building programme at top speed so that Mainz can become as soon as possible a fitting capital for the Rhineland-Palatinate State which the French have established in the northern part of their zone.

### The Moving Spirit

The moving spirit behind this reconstruction drive is Gen Pierre Jacobson, Military Governor of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Of Danish descent, Gen Jacobson is at 29 the youngest general in the French Army. His knowledge of Germany and German problems is profound as before the war he was a student at Bonn University in the Rhineland. Only a few months ago, Gen Jacobson threw himself into the construction of a university in Mainz. The city had had no university for 150 years but with the full support of the Governor, university buildings were constructed within a few months out of the gutted ruins of some army barracks. Two thousand Germans are now studying at the university, which contains such modern conveniences as a cinema and spacious lecture halls.

German political leaders, from Right-wing Catholics to Left-wing Socialists, speak with the greatest admiration of Gen Jacobson, while in most other areas the general tendency is to criticise the French administration.

"It would be a misfortune if Jacobson were recalled," Jakob Stefan, most outstanding Social Democrat leader in the French zone said. Gen Jacobson in an interview said that one of his greatest aims was to

## TIN CONFERENCE IN LONDON

London, Oct. 8 (UP).—A position in which the potential tin production would likely exceed demand was forecast by the Minister of Supply, Sir John Wilmot, when addressing the World Tin Conference to-day.

The British Minister welcomed the international delegates, including the United States, Belgium and Bolivia and said "His Majesty's Government decided to call the conference in order that all interested countries, both producers and consumers, could consider the prospective world tin position and whether any continuous inter-governmental study of the position is required."

"Although present production is substantially below the level of desired world consumption it appears to us that when the main tin producing areas in the Far East are rehabilitated there may arise in the future date a position in which the potential production will likely exceed demand."

Sir John said Britain looked forward to the time when she would have ample supplies of tin freely available to consumers all over the world.

### Soviet Scientists to Study Research in New York

London, Oct. 8.—A group of Soviet scientists, including astronomers, has flown to New York to get abreast of astronomical research in the United States and to select certain astronomical instruments, Moscow radio reported to-day.

They intend to stay in the United States for six months.—Reuter.

bring some of the glories of French civilisation to Germany.

At the same time, he added, he would like to see the leading British theatrical company the "Old Vic" acting in Mainz and British artists and scientists lecturing at the university here.

There is no spirit of revenge in Gen Jacobson's attitude towards the Germans. He is taking a positive stand, believing that in spite of all the crimes committed by the Germans in France there is a great job of reconstruction and re-education to be done.

His belief is echoed by his team of hand-picked collaborators, who are experts in German problems and who have come here feeling that they have to accomplish a "mission" in Germany.—Reuter.

## ALASKA HAS BECOME THE UNITED STATES' FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE

### VAST PLANS FOR BIG-SCALE MANOEUVRES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED

THIS is the second of a series of stories by A. M. Cool, UP correspondent, on the strategic part Alaska will play in defence of the North American continent, in the event of another war:

The United States and Russia are keeping watchful eyes on the doings of one another in the Arctic circle these days, and both seem to know a great deal about what the other is doing toward Alaska on the one hand and eastern Siberia on the other, the strongest possible outposts of hemispheric defence.

The thin dividing line of the Behring Straits between Alaska and the easternmost Siberian outpost, in addition to having the distinction of dividing that part of the western hemisphere from the eastern also has the honour of being the imaginary finish line of a race to convert the respective areas into major bastions of defence. The Kamchatka peninsula toward which the Aleutian chain reaches is also becoming an integral part of the Russian plans.

It is common knowledge the Russians have: Constructed an airfield at Petropavlovsk, 400 miles from the United States outpost on Attu, which will be able to handle heavy bombers as big as Superfortresses. Thrown up here after a series of warehouses and barracks around the harbour, back of the airfield and at the rear of the city.

Dredged the entrance of Avacha Bay to permit the entry of capital ships; and

Improved the highway from Bolshereck, on Kamchatka's west coast, to Petropavlovsk, to make it an all-weather military thoroughfare with a secondary road from Bolshereck to Cape Lopatka, at the southern end of the peninsula.

Naturally, the United States found about these things without explaining the manner of getting the information. But the Russians are not inactive in that respect either. From Attu, 1,200 miles from the Alaskan mainland, Russian planes can be detected in the air four or five days a week.

Unofficially, the Russians say they are routine weather flights. They are very well could be, at least most of the time, for the fog that lays heavy over Attu almost the year around gives anyone little chance to view

ground happenings from the air. Of course, there's radar, for whatever use it might be put in mapping or spotting installations. At any rate the Americans very seldom see the Russian planes, but they know they are there by the strength of their radio signals. This is not a reciprocal operation, however, as the Russians refuse permission for United States, or any other nation's planes to fly closer than 200 miles of Russian territory.

This goes for the Koras as well as the Russian mainland. The Soviet planes are presumed to come from Komandorskie Islands, two small areas east of the Kamchatka coast in the Behring sea, about 210 miles from Attu, which is on the last of the Aleutian chain.

The Russians have already announced that experiments are being carried out on the Siberian western Siberia, like much of Alaska, is covered by layer upon layer of permafrost, the accumulation of centuries of Siberian weather. The Russians are using snow planes and bulldozers to clear large areas of permafrost. If these experiments are successful, large areas of Siberian wastelands will be made available for military and commercial expansion.

If it works in Siberia it likewise would prove successful in Alaska. Aside from the military functions involved, if the Soviets succeed in modifying the climate and scrape down through the permafrost to real soil, and the same treatment is given to Alaska, it could mean opening up new areas both in Siberia and Alaska, to settlement and agricultural pursuits, or industrial endeavours not presently practical. Temporary military establishments can be made permanent, and a lot of guess work would be removed from planning a long-range programme for both areas.

It has been only since a short time before the Japanese surrender that the Russians have concentrated their efforts in making eastern Siberia over into a modern establishment. Petropavlovsk, a city of 50,000 population, was untouched by the war. And even when the United States, early in the war against Japan, fearing the Japs would make a stab at Vladivostok, urged Moscow to use it as a base for operations against the Japanese, the Russians delivered and showed a little interest.

Building a Base But shortly before the Japanese surrender, the Russians began to build themselves, and from then to now they have worked feverishly making Petropavlovsk a base and with what can be described as considerable success. The heavy concentration of shipping that featured the beginning of the operations is still there. There is no indication of a let-up.

Although the highway from Bolshereck to Petropavlovsk permit the Soviets to land supplies on the Sea of Okhotsk and transport them overland, the bulk apparently is coming around Cape Lopatka to Petropavlovsk where docks, wharves and cranes are available for unloading. The ice-free harbour is one of the best on the Far North.

All of this activity by the Russians, official Washington points out, cannot be taken alone from a military viewpoint. Wars are not fought for the mere joy of fighting, but for the things that permit nations and their people to live and prosper, they assert. They are very careful in their reviews of what the Russians are doing to call attention to the fact that the Russians have repeatedly told the world they are out to become a major trading and commercial power. Their programme in Siberia is to develop that vast rich country, and their operations on the outside, too, are in that mind.

The military in Washington concede the Russians the right to prepare for a defence of what's theirs. The Russians are only doing the same things and following the same purposes as the United States in the step it is taking in the Far North. The United States would not spend billions of dollars on plans to protect Alaska for strategic reasons alone. Concern with the military development of Alaska it plans an economic development of the same magnitude.

That was the basic reason for the recent inspection tour made by Secretary of the Interior Rexford Tamm, and what he found there and the reports he will make, are designed to be the basis of a long-range economic programme of civilian enterprise. As with Russia, one goes with the economic frontiers calls for the simultaneous enlargement of the military establishment.

Bagdad, Oct. 8.—Eleven-year-old King Faisal of Iraq returned to-day to Bagdad, his capital from his four months' visit to Britain. The Regent and members of the Cabinet received him and a salute of 21 guns was fired. To-day has been proclaimed a national holiday in Iraq.—Reuter.

## Lessons From The Trans-Polar Flight

### Final Proof of American Vulnerability

Washington, Oct. 6 (UP).—The flight of the Pacusan Dreamboat across the North Pole has been accepted by high military experts as final proof that the United States is open to attack across the Polar skies. This was emphasised by War Department sources, who said that the Secretary of War's primary aim in wanting compulsory military training was to create a citizens' army to fight off airborne invaders.

A military leader said in this connection that any future war would begin with heavy bombardment by guided missiles or bomber planes, or both, followed by hordes of airborne troops intent on capturing strategic points and crippling key industries.

Gen Carl Spaatz, Chief of the Army Air Forces, to-day paid tribute to the Pacusan Dreamboat's flight. Gen Spaatz said it was proof of the feasibility of air attacks across the Arctic routes by properly equipped aircraft.

Gen Spaatz recently warned that the United States was open to assault. A short time later, he announced that a group of B-29 Superfortresses and P-51 Mustang fighters would go to Alaska soon for Arctic training.

The Army now has over 4,000 officers and men in Alaska and other northern parts, testing the effects of Arctic cold on men, equipment and aircraft. The Army, which last winter sent Operation Frodo into the Arctic, has scheduled a similar operation for this winter.

The Army now has men and equipment assembled at Fairbanks, Alaska, for an operation. The Army was understood to consider the forthcoming experiments as ranking in importance with the atom bomb test.

### COUNTERFEITER OF RATION BOOKS TO BE EXECUTED

Moscow, Oct. 8 (UP).—The newspaper Vostokaya Moskva reported to-day that the municipal court sentenced a counterfeiter of food ration books to be shot and his accomplices to eight and ten years' imprisonment.

The gang's chief, M. Mironov, was accused by a skilled draftsman and photographer named K. Artyukov and a woman named T. M. Frolova.

Operating through a number of intermediaries, Mironov and his two assistants manufactured counterfeit food ration books and distributed them through food stores and markets. They obtained four tons of sugar this way. Mironov admitted his share of the profits totalled 100,000 roubles.

### STREPTOMYCIN CURES

#### Cautious Reports On Tuberculosis Treatment

Baltimore, Sept. 24.—A comparatively new drug, streptomycin, has effected dramatic cures of certain infectious diseases, according to doctors at Johns Hopkins hospital, the Baltimore "Sun" reports.

Results in the treatment of tuberculosis, or rabbit fever, were described as "miraculous." 73 out of 77 cases being cured with the new drug. Streptomycin has also been used effectively in curing infections of the kidney and urinary tract. Doctors said that streptomycin is often effective where both penicillin and sulfa drugs fail.

Studies are being made to determine the new drug's effectiveness in combating tuberculosis, and although preliminary results have been encouraging, doctors hesitate to raise false hopes by premature endorsement.

At the same time, the "Journal of Commerce" reports that manufacturers of penicillin predict that this year, for the first time, adequate stocks of the drug will be available to the drug trade.

### TOKYO KIDNAPPING

Moroka, Japan, Oct. 8 (UP).—The public prosecutor's office to-day discovered the body of a 14-year-old middle school boy 45 days after his kidnapping had strangled him to death and buried the body in a forest on Moroka city's suburbs.

The boy's kidnapper was arrested on August 23 in Tokyo when police trailed and seized him after he had received the 50,000 yen ransom from the boy's mother. The kidnapper confessed to where the body was buried.

### FAMOUS PAINTER PASSES

Mexico City, Sept. 21.—The famous Mexican painter Angel Zarago, who lived in Europe until June 1940, died yesterday at the age of sixty.

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### UK PRESS INVESTIGATION EARTH TREMORS FELT

London, Oct. 8 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement E. Attlee, in response to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said there was no decision yet on whether to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate Britain's press, adding: "I am not yet in a position to announce the Government's intention on this subject."

### WALKER CUP RESUMPTION

London, Oct. 7.—Arrangements are being made to play a Walker Cup golf match between amateurs of the United States and Britain on the old course at St. Andrews in May.

The cup was last played for in 1932 when Britain won for the first time. It is really Britain's turn to visit America for the next match. But, news from America last week stated the Americans were so anxious to resume the match they were prepared to send a team to Britain.—Reuter.

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